



Cheryl A. Gerdes

February 19, 1948 - January 7, 2021

Cheryl A. Gerdes, 72 of Kearney passed away suddenly Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at First Lutheran Church in Kearney with Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson and Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson officiating. The service will also be livestreamed through the church website <https://firstlutherankearney.org/watch-live/> for those that are not comfortable attending the service. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Per the City of Kearney mandate, masks will be required at both the visitation and service.

Cheryl was born on February 19, 1948 at her home in rural Deshler, Nebraska to Norman and Adeline (Holtzen) Vieselmeyer. She was raised in Deshler and attended Deshler High School graduating in 1966. Cheryl earned her associate degree from Kearney State College. On May 31, 1969, she was united in marriage to Lanny Gerdes at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Deshler, NE. Cheryl worked at Caldwell Manufacturing for ten years before deciding to stay home to raise her boys and help run their family business.

Cheryl will be remembered as being very caring and full of compassion. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed care. Family was very important to Cheryl and she enjoyed organizing and providing food

for many family events. Cheryl was a longtime member of First Lutheran Church where she was active on the Caring and Sharing committee, Funeral Luncheon committee, G.I.F.T, and VBS programs. Cheryl was a member of Kearney Kiwanis where she led the Backpack Program. Cheryl and Lanny were also involved in Marriage Encounter and maintained several friendships over the years through that experience.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Lanny Gerdes of Kearney; son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Leslie Gerdes of Ashland; son, Jeremy Gerdes of Kearney; grandchildren; Lauren, Megan and Ben Gerdes; her brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Kathy Vieslemeyer of Deshler; sister-in-law, Alice Vieselmeyer of Friend; step-brother and step-sister-in-law, Terry and Pam Priefert of Malcolm; step-sister and step-brother-in-law, Vicki and Dennis Grummert of Shenandoah, Iowa; uncle and aunts, Larry and Deanna Holtzen of Deshler; Dorothy Holtzen of Hebron; many wonderful cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents; Norman and Adeline (Holtzen) Vieselmeyer, brother, Jerry Vieselmeyer, step-mother, Hazel Vieselmeyer. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Carol Joy Holling Camp (NLOM.org/give). Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl A. Gerdes

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Lanny and family,
Lanny, we are so sad for you and your family. Cheryl was a wonderful lady! Keep the faith and move forward when you can. She will be missed in our community.

Blessings,
David and Ann Bauer

David and Ann Bauer - January 16, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ We are going to miss seeing Cheryl and feeling her loving presence during our trips back to Kearney. We all loved her so and appreciated all she did for our family and the friendship she had with my parents. I know that Cheryl and mom are up in heaven having a great coffee chat right now. Love you all.
Megan (O'Dea), Brian & Rex Jenkins



Megan Jenkins - January 13, 2021 at 10:59 AM

CS

“ To Lanny and all of Cheryl's family. Jerry and I send our prayers of comfort and peace to you during this most difficult time. We know Cheryl will always be proud of you and she'll be your angel watching over you with our Lord, Jesus. As the days pass by, we pray that you will be able to draw upon your memories to continue to bring you comfort and as the pain eases, may they bring you smiles.
All our love,
Jerry & Carrie Stithem
Kelsey and Megan

Carrie Stithem - January 13, 2021 at 09:43 AM

CP

“ Lanny,
We are so sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing and for your loss. We're so glad to to have met you and enjoyed our time spent with you and Cheryl in Kearney and Chicago. We will remember her brilliant smile and energy. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Condolences, Cindy Prah and Matt Szeszycki

Cynthia A Prah - January 12, 2021 at 09:32 PM

MH

“ Our sympathies to Lanny and family. We were lucky to get to know Cheryl through activities at NL0M. She will definitely be missed.
Dave and Margaret High

Margaret High - January 12, 2021 at 08:11 PM

CR

“ Deepest sympathies to you and the boys Lanny on your loss. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to have known all of you. God bless

Calvin Roberts - January 12, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cheryl A. Gerdes.*



January 12, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *Jeremy, Ashley and Kaylee Lytle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cheryl A. Gerdes.*



Jeremy, Ashley and Kaylee Lytle - January 12, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Lanny, Jason and Jeremy,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cheryl was a caring person who will be missed.
My sincere condolences,*

Rosalie Goldberg - January 11, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Cheryl A. Gerdes.*



January 11, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cheryl A. Gerdes.*



January 11, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl A. Gerdes.*



January 11, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *The best neighbor, friend, comforter, uplifting person I was fortunate to have close. I know you're going to continue watching over us with Peggy for eternity. Rest well .Cheryl you earned and deserve it. May Cheryl's memory be eternal.*

Tim O'Dea - January 10, 2021 at 09:48 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with you Lanny and your family. 🙏

Doug Kramer - January 12, 2021 at 11:00 PM

LT

“ On behalf of the Mosaic (Bethphage) family, please accept our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gerdes family during this difficult time. I pray that your precious memories will sustain you during these darkest days. Linda Timmons


Linda Timmons - January 10, 2021 at 08:16 PM

LW

“ We want to send our condolences to Lanny, Jeremy, and Jason family and friends for the sudden loss of your wife mother and best friend.
The wards
John and Lee



Lee Ward - January 10, 2021 at 03:06 PM

 Kristie Artz

“ Cheryl always made us feel welcome in her home. Jeremy and a group of us would be hanging out and she would always make us Rotel cheese dip and bring it down to us. We still talk about that very snack to this day. She loved her kids and their friends dearly and it was a home away from home for us all. She will be missed very much.



Kristie Artz - January 09, 2021 at 06:35 PM



Cheryl had that amazing gift of finding goodness and Joy and sharing with those she met. I am so sorry for her leaving when she had so much more to give. Love to her family and comfort in knowing she love the Lord. Betty D.

Betty Dasenbrock - January 10, 2021 at 07:34 PM

KS

Lanny and family we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Cheryl. We always enjoyed visiting with you two in church. You are in our thoughts and prayers! Ted and Kathy Sup

Kathryn Sup - January 12, 2021 at 10:58 AM

BB

LANNY, JASON/ Family, & JEREMY ~ May the Blessings of God's Grace, Strength, Comfort, Peace & Love be with you now, and in the times to come. With a heart of Love; Cheryl was a beautiful woman, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. A lovely lady generous in giving and sharing her ~ Faith, Compassion, Kindness, and Care. Our most sincere sympathy and deepest condolences for your loss.

Bruce & Carol Bartling - January 12, 2021 at 09:42 PM